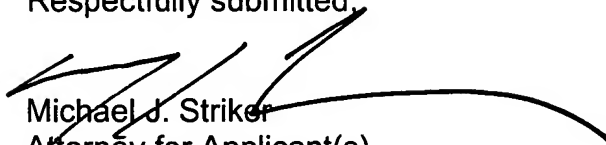


Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

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What is claimed is:

1. (original) A portable power tool, in particular an angle grinder (10), with a longitudinal housing (12) for accommodating a motor for driving a driven shaft (16) that is U-bent relative to the housing (12), the driven shaft being rotatably supported in a gearbox casing (14) and extending out of it with a free end that is provided to accommodate a sanding body, whereby a protective cover (43) encompassing the sanding body is capable of being fastened on the gearbox casing (14) such that its rotation can be adjusted, and the rotational position of which is lockable using a notch lever (30), wherein the notch lever (30) is positioned transversely to the longitudinal axis of the angle grinder (10) and is pivotable around an axis (34) situated substantially parallel to the housing (12).
2. (original) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1, wherein the notch lever (30) touches the protective cover (43) in a detent position.
3. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the notch lever (30) is elastically preloaded in the direction toward the protective cover (43).
4. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 1 through 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the notch lever (30) includes centrally located engagement cams (32) that point toward the protective cover, and a pusher button (38) on a free end.
5. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 1 through 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the notch lever (30) is fastened on the housing (12, 14), in particular on the gearbox casing (14).

6. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 1 through 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the pusher button (38) of the notch lever (30) projects transversely to the gearbox casing (14) and its circumference, so that it is conveniently accessible by at least one finger, in particular the index finger of the operator's hand encompassing the housing (12) in the working position.
7. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 1 through 6~~ Claim 1, wherein the gearbox casing (14) includes a gear flange (17) that is capable of being screwed to the housing (12), whereby one of the flange screws (18) also functions as pivot axis (34) of the notch lever (30).
8. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 1 through 7~~ Claim 1, wherein the protective cover (43) is capable of being coupled with the engagement cams (32) of the notch lever in a form-locked manner.
9. (currently amended) The portable power tool as recited in ~~one of the Claims 1 through 8~~ Claim 1, wherein the protective cover (32) has engagement openings (48) arranged in a semicircle, into which the engagement cams (32) of the notch lever (30) are capable of engaging.